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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

YATES et al.

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For: MICROPOROUS CRYSTALS AND
METHODS OF MAKING THEROF

Art Unit: 1722

Examiner: F. C. Hiteshew

Atty. Docket: 000687-00320

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction dated June 8, 2005, please enter the following election.

The Examiner sets forth a restriction requirement between Groups I and II as set forth in the above-referenced Election/Restriction.

Applicant elects Group II, claims 28-34, drawn to a method of purifying soy molasses. Further, because there is not a substantial burden of an additional search in order to examine all the claims of the invention, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Response or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000687-00320). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 16, 2005

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